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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement of June 7, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Claim 1 and states that Claim 1 is generic in the sense of the flow restriction described in the specification.

Applicant's specification discloses different types of flow restriction devices, e.g., the EGR valve of Fig. 1, the fixed-geometry flow restriction device (FRD) 90 of Fig. 2A and the fixed-geometry flow restriction area 96 of Fig. 2B. Every claim has at least one of the disclosed types. Claim 1 is generic to all of these species in that it recites a "flow restrictor" and not one of the specific types. Claims 3, 9, 23 and 27 recite an EGR valve as the flow restriction device, therefore, these claims (and the claims that depend therefrom) describe a species of Claim 1.

The present requirement was discussed during a telephone conference between the undersigned and examiner Paul Hirsch on June 21, 2004. It was agreed that election of claim 1 with the above explanation is responsive to the outstanding office action restriction requirement.

The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any matters that require further action.

Respectfully submitted,
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